

(c) The population of rhinos in the country as per 1995 assessment is 1566 as compared to the 1991 estimate of 1567.

Crimes on Delhi - U.P. Border

1690. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether murders/robberies on the Delhi U.P. Border are increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof since September 1996;

(c) the number of crimes solved;

(d) whether the police of both the States is unable to trace the culprits; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Manufacturing of Medicines by Bogus Factories

1691. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some bogus factories are manufacturing medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such factories which came to light during the last six months;

(c) the steps taken to ensure closure of such bogus factories; and

(d) the number of cases launched against such bogus factories during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pollution in Cities

1692. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the most polluted cities in India in chronological order along with their ranks among the world's polluted cities;

(b) the present level of pollution in each city;

(c) whether the Government have made any study in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to arrest the growing menace of pollution in the cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) A report, "Global Pollution and Health", jointly prepared by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has reported that with respect to levels of suspended particulate matter (SPM) in the ambient air; Delhi, Calcutta and Mumbai rank fourth, sixth and thirteenth respectively amongst 41 cities of the world. With respect to levels of sulphur dioxide, Delhi ranks 27th, Mumbai ranks 18th and Calcutta ranks 37th amongst 54 cities in the world.

(b) to (d). The Central Pollution Control Board is monitoring the levels of major air pollutants under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme, through a network of 290 monitoring stations covering 92 cities/towns in the country. Monitoring data with respect to the annual average concentrations of the major air pollutants in the major cities is given below:

City	Suspended particulate matter		Sulphur dioxide		Nitrogen dioxide	
	I	R	I	R	I	R
Delhi	H	C	L	M	L	H
Mumbai	M	C	M	L	M	M
Calcutta	L	C	L	C	C	C
Chennai	M	M	M	L	L	L
Hyderabad	M	H	L	L	L	M
Ahmedabad	M	C	L	H	L	L
Cochin	L	M	L	L	L	L
Nagpur	L	C	L	L	L	L
Pune	M	H	L	L	L	M
Lucknow	H		L		L	
Kanpur		C	L	L	L	L

Note : I=Industrial, R=Residential, H=High, C=Critical, M=Moderate, L=Low

(e) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent and control pollution in the cities include the following :

- (i) Standards for ambient air quality, noise levels have been notified for different areas, such as industrial, commercial, residential. Water quality of surface waters for different uses have been prescribed;
- (ii) Standards for emissions and effluents from categories of water and air polluting industries have notified. Industries have been directed to comply with the prescribed standards on a time-bound basis.
- (iii) It has been made mandatory for major industrial and other activities to obtain environmental clearance based on impact assessment studies prior to site selection.

- (iv) A scheme for setting up common effluent treatment plants from clusters of small-scale industrial units is under implementation. Financial assistance is provided to the small scale units under the scheme.
- (v) The Government is implementing a major plan for introduction of unleaded petrol and catalytic converter fitted vehicles, introduction of low-sulphur diesel and introduction of tighter emission norms in a phased manner.
- (vi) Twenty-two industrial pockets/areas in towns/cities in the country have been identified by the Government as critically polluted areas where concerted action has been initiated for controlling pollution.
- (vii) The National Technology Mission has been set up to make recommendations on urban solid waste management.

Edible Oil

1693. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

- (a) the total production of mustard and other edible oils in the country during each of the last three years, category and State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for decrease in production, if any;
- (c) the States where the oil is produced in large quantity; and
- (d) the measures contemplated by the Government to further boost the production of edible oils?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The total production of all edible oils including that of mustard oil has been estimated on the basis of production of total oilseeds. The category and State-wise production of edible oils is not available. The estimated availability of all edible oils including that of mustard oil during last three years is as under :

	(Lakh tonnes)	
	Estimated net availability of all edible oils*	Mustard oil
1993-94	61.70	16.52
1994-95	62.54	18.23
1995-96	65.70	19.65

includes groundnut, castorseed, sesame, nigerseed, rapeseed and mustard, linseed, safflower, sunflower, ricebran, soyabean, etc.

- (b) There is no decrease in production.

(c) The States where oil is produced in large quantities are Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, etc.

(d) The measures being taken/comtemplated by the Government to further boost the production of edible oilseeds/edible oils include :

- (i) Intensification of efforts for implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme, area expansion through sequential cropping, inter-cropping, etc.,
- (ii) Replacement of low economic crop,
- (iii) Increase in productivity by providing various services inputs,
- (iv) Assistance for production and distribution of seeds,
- (v) Distribution of mini kits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements and chemicals, etc. for enhancing production of edible oilseeds. In addition, front line and general demonstrations are conducted on farmers' fields to transfer the production technology.
- (vi) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

Bomb Blast in Delhi

1694. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the bomb blast incidents are on the increase trend in the NCT Delhi for the last three months;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have initiated any action against the persons involved in them; and
- (c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. During the last three months, only one such incident took place in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. A case under Sections 302/307/120-B of I.P.C. and Sections 3/4/5 of Explosive Substances Act was registered at Police Station Srinivas Puri, New Delhi for investigation. No person has been arrested so far in connection with this blast.

Storage Facilities

1695. SHRI I.D. SWAMI :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI SURESH PRABHU :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of wheat and rice procured from the different States for public distribution purpose during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 till date, State/U.T.-wise;

(b) the loss suffered due to improper storage and pilferage of foodgrains during the said period, State-wise;